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Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

The undersigned inventors, Dr. Markus O. Hannebauer, Volker C. Schöch, and Arno Schödl, hereby declare:

Volker C. Schöch delivered his diploma thesis in February, 2003, to Prof. Dr. Raúl Rojas and Prof. Dr. Klaus-Peter Löhr of the Free University of Berlin. The title of the thesis is, "A GUI-based Interaction Concept for Efficient Slide Layout." A copy of the thesis is attached hereto.

The general terminology and concept can be found in Subsection 4.1.2 "The Smart Grid Concept". A detailed description of the interaction can be found in Subsection 4.3.1 "Inserting a New Element". A possible (and preferred) embodiment can be found in Chapter 5 "Implementation". The embodiment of Chapter 5 is a computer program that was made, tested, and analyzed before delivering the Diploma Thesis. Chapter 6 is an analysis of the improvements resulting from the methodology and related computer program. Chapter 6 also includes a case study.

The invention as claimed is described in the thesis in the following passages.

Claim 1

In general: p. 39, 3rd paragraph, and p. 37, Figure 12 (a)/(b). Binding on existing container grid line: p. 39, 3rd paragraph, 4th sentence. Binding on newly created container grid line: p. 39, 3rd paragraph, 5th sentence. Movable grid lines: p. 37, 1st paragraph, 5th and 6th sentence. p. 65, Subsection 4.3.4 "Adjusting the Smart Grid"/"Moving a Gridline".

Claim 2

p. 54, Figure 16.

Claim 3

p. 39, 3rd paragraph, 4th sentence.

Claim 4

p. 54, 4th paragraph.

p. 55, Figure 18.

p. 56, "Drag-and-Drop with Snapping".

Claim 5

p. 37, Figure 11.

Claim 6

p. 38, Figure 13 (a)/(b).

p. 39, "Constraints Reflected by Grid Structure".

Claim 7

p. 39, 3rd paragraph, 1st and 2nd sentence.

Claims 8-14/15-21

See above and preferred embodiment description in Chapter 5 "Implementation".

Claims 22-24

p. 37, 1st paragraph, 6th sentence.

p. 39, "Constraints Reflected by Grid Structure".

Claims 25-27

p. 37, 1st paragraph, 1st sentence.

p. 41, 42, Subsection 4.3.1 "Implementing Esthetics by Rules".

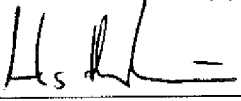
Claims 28-40

See above and preferred embodiment description in Chapter 5 "Implementation".

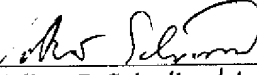
p. 36, Figure 10.

Conclusion

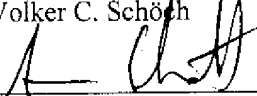
The undersigned declare that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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